

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

STEVEN HOTZE, M.D., WENDELL CHAMPION,)	
HON. STEVE TOTH, AND SHARON HEMPHILL,)	
)	Civil Action No. 4:20-cv-3709
Plaintiffs,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
CHRIS HOLLINS, in his official capacity as Harris)	
County Clerk,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
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DEFENDANT’S NOTICE OF RELATED DECISION

TO THE HON. ANDREW HANEN, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

Defendant Chris Hollins, in his official capacity as Harris County Clerk, respectfully files this notice to apprise the Court of a related decision released today. Defendant plans to file a full response to the application for a preliminary injunction, but in the interest of time, he provides the Court with this notice immediately.

Plaintiffs presented identical complaints to the Texas Supreme Court in a petition for writ of mandamus filed just one day before this complaint. *See* Ex. A. They alleged the same violations of the Texas Election Code, *id.* at 10-11, 15-19, and based on that premise, they claimed the same federal rights. *Id.* at 12-14, 19-20. And they sought the same remedies. *Id.* at 25-26. Defendant filed a full response. Ex. B. On Sunday, November 1, the Texas Supreme Court denied the petition and declined to grant Plaintiffs any relief based on these same claims. Ex. C.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been forwarded to all counsel of record via the Court's electronic filing system pursuant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on the November 1, 2020.

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